

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 843**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Senator Clements

[Introduced March 20, 2025; referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the  
Committee on Finance]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-11A-1, relating to prohibiting those listed on the state sex offender database from entering public school facilities and attending public school activities and events; requiring parent-teacher conferences for those persons to be conducted off school grounds; and allowing the State Board of Education to promulgate rules.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 11A. PROHIBITION OF SEX OFFENDERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND**

**AT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS.**

**§16-11A-1. Prohibiting those listed on the state sex offender database from entering school**

**property or attending public school activities and events.**

Without permission of the county superintendent:

(a) No person having been found guilty of crimes sufficient to be placed on the state sex offender's database shall be permitted to enter school property, attend any public school function, or attend or participate in public school or athletic events in any capacity, regardless of participation by offender's own children.

(1) A first violation of this statute shall be a misdemeanor upon first violation, punishable by not more than six months imprisonment; and

(2) A second or any other subsequent violation shall constitute a felony punishable by one to five years imprisonment.

(b) In the event that a parent teacher conference is required to be conducted with a parent or guardian who is listed on the sex offender database, that conference must be conducted by telephone or virtual meeting.

(c) The State Board of Education may promulgate rules in accordance with this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit those listed on the state sex offender database from entering school property or attending public school activities and events. The bill also requires parent teacher conferences for those persons to be conducted off school grounds. Finally, the bill permits the State Board of Education to promulgate rules.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.